



Today in History

November 2, 1947

▲ **Howard Hughes' eight-engined Hughes H-4 Hercules, built from wood and nicknamed the Spruce Goose, the largest flying boat ever built, made its one and only flight**

1917: British foreign secretary Lord Balfour declared an intention to set up a Jewish homeland in Palestine

1953: The parliament of Pakistan declared the country "the Islamic Republic of Pakistan"

2003: Anglican and openly gay Canon Gene Robinson was consecrated as Bishop of New Hampshire, U.S.

2004: Controversial Dutch film director Theo van Gogh was murdered by an Islamic extremist